

## A Prayer for Blameless and Righteous Living

### **Scripture Reading:**

Psalm 19:1-11, Psalm 101

### **Reflections of the Heart:**

As a Church Family, we will live blameless and righteous lives! We will give our bodies to God because of all He has done for us. We will let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind He will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship Him. *Romans 12:1 NLT*

### **Scriptural Prayer:**

Loving Father, we thank You for knowing each of us intimately. Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to be our Helper and Teacher. Thank You for blessing us socially, academically, relationally and emotionally. Father, we sing praises to You, our God and strength. We will sing, beat the tambourine and play the sweet lyre and harp. Your dwelling place is lovely. We faint with longing to enter Your courts with our whole beings, bodies and souls. We will shout joyfully to You, the living God. Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how we praise You! We will praise You as long as we live; we will lift up our hands to You in prayer. You satisfy us more than the richest feast. We will praise You with songs of joy.

Sovereign King, as a Church Family, we will seek the Kingdom of God above all else and live righteously. As we do this, we expect that You will give us everything we need. As Kingdom citizens, we will not worry about our everyday lives, whether we have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear; for our lives are more than food, and our bodies are more than clothing. Lord, we will hunger and thirst for justice and be satisfied. We will be careful to live blameless lives and lead lives of integrity in our own homes. We will refuse to look at anything vile and vulgar. We will not deal with crooked people. We will reject perverse ideas and stay away from every evil. We will not tolerate people who slander their neighbors, and we will not endure conceit and pride. Instead, we will search for faithful people to be our companions. We will not allow deceivers to serve us and liars will not stay in our presence.

***Based on Psalm 101, list those areas where change is needed. Now, ask the Holy Spirit to help you with those specific areas:***

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Holy Spirit, please remove the scales from our eyes and circumcise our hearts so that we can see ourselves reflected in God's Word. Remind us that we are a chosen people, royal priests, a holy nation, Your very own possession. Deliver us from the shame and anger that sin create in our hearts and minds. Remind us that there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus and that nothing can ever separate us from the Father's love that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. Help us to make Godly choices. Convict us when we watch, read, listen to and visit internet sites that are ungodly. Surround us with strong Christian friends who will hold us accountable when we are wrong.

Lead us to people who love Christ more than culture. Empower our children, youth and young adults to resist peer pressure. Holy Spirit, as parents, help us to be actively involved in their lives.

Merciful Father, forgive us for all acts of sinfulness, including gossip, backbiting, lying, stealing, pornography, fornication and homosexuality. Forgive those of us who do not value our bodies. As parents and guardians, forgive us for not creating holy environments in our homes and for not living as models of righteousness and integrity. As singles, forgive us for not living celibate lives. Forgive those who are married for engaging in extra-marital affairs. Lord, forgive me for ***(list any sins that you have committed)***. Holy Spirit, remind us all of those we need to forgive and help us to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He reveals them, say, "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)***

Holy Spirit, help us all not yield to temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

Almighty God, You are the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to You who sits on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture References for the Written Text:** John 14:26, Psalm 81:1-2, Psalm 84:1-2, Psalm 63:3-5, Matthew 6:33, Matthew 6:31-32, Matthew 5:6, Psalm 101:2-7, Acts 9:18, Deuteronomy 10:16, I Peter 2:9, Romans 8:1,39, Matthew 6:13, Revelation 22:13, Revelation 5:13

***Today, I will trust God to:***

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